September 2023



Benefice Newsletter



Ramblings from the Rectory

As some of you may know, I love the natural world, in its many and various forms. I also do what I can to help the natural world around me recover its innate wildness. So I am excited that this and every September the Church celebrates Creation Season. A time dedicated to exploring the belief in God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. I believe that God is Creator and Sustainer, so the care of this natural world, is for me worship (I also accept the science of evolution and find no conflict with my belief in a Creator God – but that's for another time).

I see the plants, the birds and the animals around me and know that we are all distantly related and deserve to be valued, perhaps cherished. I will be preaching about it in church and speaking elsewhere about the importance of protecting our climate and helping our wildlife to recover. In this I am so thankful to the many people, near and far, who feel the same as me. For some, like me, this is an expression of faith. However, people seem to come to this realisation for many, many different reasons. Whatever the motivation, they are our allies in this struggle for the health of our planet.

Together there is so much that we can do to support local nature recovery, reduce waste and our impact on climate change. It is so easy to feel small and helpless, but lots of individual actions count. Together we also have a political voice, so that politicians know that they avoid these concerns at their peril!

Gregory of Nazianzus, saint, writing in the fourth century wrote,

"All creatures praise you,
both those who speak and those that are dumb.
All creatures bow down before you,
both those that can think and those that cannot.
The longing of the universe,
the groaning of creation reaches out to you.
Everything that exists prays to you,
and every creature that can read your universe
directs to you a hymn of silence."

From St. Francis,

"Praised be you, my Lord, by our sister, mother earth, who sustains and governs us and produces various fruits and coloured flowers and grasses."

We are working together with all people of goodwill but I am still haunted by the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 8.19 & 21, "For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed... That the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God." It is for us people of Christ, and children of God, who need to show who we are by our actions.

Happy September, Happy Creation Season.

God bless, Nigel.

Fund Raiser St. Leonard's Church Billingford 21st September at 7.30pm

Join us to hear a variety of songs performed by Adam Harrod

Tickets £10 include refreshments.

Contact Sue 07917 798056 saredgrave@hotmail.com



Coffee and Cake Morning St John's, Harleston

Plants , Books, Puzzles & other crafts
Saturday 2nd Sept
9.30am till 12noon

Brockdish Quiz Night

Saturday 16th September is cancelled.

St John's, Harleston

Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church Supported by a generous donation

Thursday 14th Sept 10.30am - 12.30pm

Every Tuesday

Informal singing group 10.45am -11.45am Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3pm

Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday 9.15am to 11.30am All welcome

Needham Coronation Village Hall

Annual BBQ
Sunday 10th Sept
From 12noon for 1pm BBQ
BBQ burgers and hot dogs (£1 each)
Salads and desserts
Music and cash bar
All Welcome
Help would be welcome with preparations, preparing salads

and desserts, serving or clearing up.....

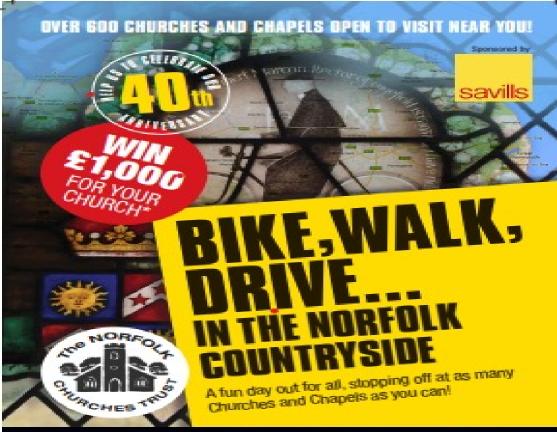
Contact Fiona on 07785 515327 or fiona.harte@ucb.com



St Andrew's - Scole Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd Sept 10.00am - 12noon

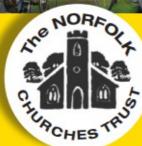
come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, and friendly chat.



Saturday 9th September 2023 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

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Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. *PLUS you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation - find out more at norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride

Donations to our churches

If you would like to donate to any of the listed churches please use the QR codes below linked to the church you would like to donate to.

St John's, Harleston. St Leonard's, Billingford. All Saints, Thorpe
Abbotts









7churches Benefice Services

Compline

Thursday 28th September, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford

Celebration Service

Sunday 24th September 4.30pm St Andrew's , Scole,.

THE REGISTERS - 26TH JULY 2023 TO 25TH AUGUST 2023

Funerals and Interments

7th August Celia Trevail - St Andrew's, Scole

Baptism and weddings

12th August Arnie Abbott - St John's, Harleston

19th August George Hunt and Eleanor Bower - St Leonard's,

Billingford

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Marjorie Heap, Peter Edwards .

If you have a loved one who is very ill and would like them to be on our prayer list then please get in touch with one of our ministers. (details on the back).

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish		
3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford		
13th after	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall		
Trinity	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston		
(Green)	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole		
Creation	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston		
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Romans 12.9-21/Matthew 16.21-28					
Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish		
10th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbotts		
14th after	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston		
Trinity	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole		
(Green)					
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Romans 13.8-14/Matthew 18.15-20					
Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish		
17th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham		
15th after	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston		
Trinity	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole		
(Green)	4.00pm	Harvest festival	St Leonard's, Billingford		
Creation	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's , Redenhall		
Season					
Romans 14.1-12/Matthew 18.21-35					
SUNDAY	9.30am	Harvest Festival	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish		
24TH	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall		
16th after	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston		
Trinity	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole		
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